

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1) The **ring mute** is a mute that attaches onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument, comprising:

a sound dampening absorbent flexible foam material with an adhesive strip attached to the outer surface of the ring; and a scalpel incision on the inside middle of the ring extending the entire middle circumference of the inner area of the ring.

2) The **ring mute** as set forth in claim 1, is a sound absorbent flexible urethane foam material ring 1.25 inches wide and .625 inches thick with a .25 deep scalpel incision extending the entire middle circumference of the inner area of the ring.

3) The **ring mute** as set forth in claim 1, by being attached onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument instead of being placed into the bell of the brass musical instrument (as all other mutes are) causes no apparent air blow resistance.

4) The **ring mute** as set forth in claim 1, by being attached onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument instead of being placed in the bell of the brass instrument causes no apparent change in pitch.

5) The **ring mute** as set forth in claim 1, possesses a flexible, non porous adhesive strip 1 inch wide inch attached to the outer area of the ring encircling the outer area of the ring

6) The **ring mute** as set forth in claim 1, dampens the sound causing the musical expressivity of a smooth, rounded and smoky sound.